

HOUSE BILL 181

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Biomonitoring Program –**
3 **Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
5 consultation with the Department of the Environment, to conduct a certain
6 study on the feasibility of establishing a biomonitoring program in the State and
7 to make certain recommendations; requiring the Department of Health and
8 Mental Hygiene to make a certain report to certain committees of the General
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
10 and generally relating to a report on the feasibility of establishing a
11 biomonitoring program in the State.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the
15 Department of the Environment, shall study the feasibility of establishing a
16 biomonitoring program in the State to monitor the presence and concentration of
17 designated chemicals in residents of Maryland.

18 (b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the
19 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:

20 (1) examine biomonitoring studies conducted by the federal
21 government, in other states, and in other countries;

22 (2) examine legislative efforts in other states to establish
23 biomonitoring programs;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) consider studies on the effectiveness of biomonitoring programs
2 and the impact of those programs on health outcomes and health care costs;

3 (4) make recommendations regarding the chemicals that would be
4 most beneficial to include in a biomonitoring program in this State; and

5 (5) make recommendations on the structure of a biomonitoring
6 program for the State, if the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene finds that a
7 biomonitoring program would be feasible.

8 (c) On or before June 30, 2011, the Department of Health and Mental
9 Hygiene shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and
10 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
11 Government Article, on the study required under subsection (a) of this section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
14 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.